

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON  
Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program Board  
Grant Application Review Subcommittee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A present majority of volunteered R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 8 members present				
Position	Name	Present (by phone)	Absent	Vacant
<b>R3PB Members/Member Designees</b>				
Designee of Elected Official (Senator Kimberly Lightford)				X
Designee of Elected Official (Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth)				X
Designee of Elected Official (Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong)				X
Designee of Elected Official (Aldersperson Michael Scott, Jr.)	Charles Rice	X		
Designee of Elected Official (Aldersperson Sue Sadlowski-Garza)	Carl Camacho		X	
Board Member Community Provider	Michael Hubbard		X	
Board Member Community Provider	Jalon Arthur		X	
Board Member Community Provider	Donna Crowder		X	
Board Member Formerly Incarcerated (over 24 years of age)	Bethany Little		X	
Board Member Formerly Incarcerated (over 24 years of age)	Orlando Mayorga	X		
Designee of Ex-Officio Board Member (Illinois Department of Human Services)	Caronina Grimble	X		
Designee of Ex-Officio Board Member (Office of the Attorney General)	Sharisse Kimbro	X		
Designee of Ex-Officio Board Member (Illinois DCFS)	Dagene Brown	X		
Ex-Officio Board Member Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	Acting Director Charise Williams	X		
Designee of R3 chair (Lieutenant Governor's Office)	Quinn Rallins	X		

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

- a. Quinn Rallins called the Meeting to order at 5:39PM
- b. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was **not** established

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**II. Approval of Agenda for November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- a. Quorum was **not** established to approve the agenda for November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**III. Member Introductions**

- a. Skipped as members were previously familiar with one another

**IV. New Business**

**a. Logistical Prep (*Conflicts of Interest*)**

- i. Scott Rislute: Shared logistical information that included the process to conduct substantive votes by roll call, conflicts of interest forms that subcommittee members will need to review, and the recusal process in the case that a conflict of interest presents itself
- ii. Dantesia Pitts: Emphasized that if there is a conflict of interest, subcommittee members must abstain from voting or recuse themselves, and notify Scott Rislute or Dantesia Pitts

**b. Review of R3 Legislative Provisions**

- i. Quinn Rallins: Provided a high-level overview of the R3 legislative provisions in two parts. The first includes the spirit of the legislation which is to repair the harm that has been caused by the war on drugs. He noted that Illinois is shifting from traditional punitive measures to restorative and rehabilitative approaches. The second piece within the legislative provision includes funding communities in the highest needs when it comes to child poverty, unemployment, gun violence, and commitments to and from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Quinn also noted the legislation mentions that the R3 Program Board needs to support capacity building in communities

**c. Review of R3 Program Board Goals**

- i. Quinn Rallins: Shared the following R3 Program Board goals: community participation in the review process; implicit bias training for reviewers; allocating points for high-need areas; prioritizing local organizations, local preference based on staff and collaborative partners, and community involvement from grant applicants; and allocating points to organizations that provide restorative justice approaches in their application

**d. Explanation of NOFO Questions and Point Structure**

- i. Acting Director William: Noted that there were two different NOFOs shared with the Subcommittee: Service Delivery and the Assessment and Planning NOFOs
- ii. Acting Director Williams: Noted that funding regions for each NOFO varied in the minimum and maximum amounts available. Program narratives describe questions and point structures. Points were eventually averaged based on the total number of points. Each application was scored by external reviewers across the state. Each

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reviewer received six to eight applications. In the Service Delivery NOFO, applicants received points for indicating that the organization is located within an area eligible for grant funding from the R3 Program; organizations had to address one or more R3 Program priorities for program administration; points were allocated for program design from program leads and collaboratives, staffing, capacity-building and budget management; and an organization's budget narrative was also considered. Applicants also had to describe how their program was going to be successful

- iii. Caronina Grimble: Asked if Acting Director Williams could speak a little more on how the outcomes referenced in the NOFOs align with the outcomes already reported by potential grantees?
- iv. Acting Director Williams: Explained that within the NOFO, ICJIA looked for an alignment in R3 Program priorities from all applicants. Once the different organizations are selected for funding, they will be provided four or five consistent measures across the board that grantees will be responsible for measuring. These measures will be based on base practices and considerate of applicants' responses to the NOFOs
- v. Acting Director Williams: Noted that technical assistance will be provided to organizations that receive funding
- vi. Quinn Rallins: Shared that moving forward, scoring will take place, an equity scan will be conducted, and an announcement will be made on which applications scored the highest. An equity scan will be conducted and focus on high-need areas, local preference, organizations that implement restorative justice approaches, etc. Memos will be provided to subcommittee members on organization proposals, space will be available to convene organizations and ask any clarifying questions, equity recommendations provided by the Subcommittee will be summarized by staff of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and subcommittee members will have a chance to review such recommendations

**e. Presentation of Equity Scans**

- i. Acting Director Williams: Provided an overview of the equity scan key which covered local preference, local staff and collaborative preference, high-needs, community involvement, and restorative justice. Organizations received seven points if the box is checked indicating that the organization is located within an area that is eligible for R3 Program funding ("R3 zone"). Six points were provided if either half of the collaborative members listed are in R3 zones or if the box is checked to indicate that half of the applicant's employees are in R3 zones. Seven points were provided to applicants indicating that they will serve a high-need R3 zone. Ten points were designated for program designs that embrace solutions that value the knowledge and perspectives of local

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community stakeholders. Applications on behalf of a collaborative of organizations were asked to include information on each member of the collaborative—each member’s role and responsibility in relation to the overall program. Finally, ten points were allocated for applications that describe how the organization, or collaborative of organizations, and the proposed program reflect and promote the values of restorative justice.

- ii. Quinn Rallins: Shared that each subcommittee member will be receiving equity scans from a staff member within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. He asked that each subcommittee member review these equity scans prior to our next connection. The Subcommittee will discuss larger equity questions in upcoming meetings. Next steps will be clarified in a follow-up email that includes equity scans
- iii. Acting Director Williams: Shared that there are about 13 regions on each NOFO, so 26 scans will be provided to each subcommittee member

**V. Member Updates**

- a. No member updates

**VI. Public Comments**

- a. No public comments

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Next meeting: Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00AM
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:22PM
- c. No motion to adjourn was made as a quorum was **not** established